

DEXTER PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD

Meeting Minutes— September 24, 2025

**Members Present:** Marissa Mills, Adam Sadler, Chris Warren, Hannah LeBeau

**Aldermen Present:** Bryce Matthews

**Park Staff Present:** Jamie Rowe, Myles Urhahn

**Meeting called to order:** 12:01 pm

**Minutes:** Minutes will be emailed for approval next meeting

**Motion:** --

**Second:** --

**Motion Carried:** --

**Citizens' Input:** Dustin Wisemen, 17164 Shady Pine Lane, topic of the division and age groups for youth basketball. He addressed the board, asking to consider making basketball registrations by grade instead of by age.

**Housekeeping:** none

**Committee Reports:**

**A-Playground committee** – The fundraiser with the cross-country team. The committee sells shirts and splits profits with the high school cross-country team. The committee presented the cross-country team with \$400.00.

**B-Trail Committee** – Trail project 006 update plans are being put together for review, and hopefully, we will be able to start the right-of-way phase soon. Trail project 007 update working with Walmart on plans for the extension of the culvert and entrance on the southeast side and working on plans.

**C-Dog Park Committee** – Continuing maintenance at the park, filling in holes. The department also hauled 3 loads of dirt to the park to put in low areas. The committee is working on the Barktober Fest fundraiser. The park department has ordered bags for the dog park order totaled \$738.90, and which will be reimbursed to the park department from the committee. The department is also ordering 3 light poles to be installed by the department at the dog park. These will also be reimbursed from the committee.

**D-Tree Board** – no report

**Aquatic & Recreation Report:**

**\*Recreation –**

BASEBALL: no report

BASKETBALL: Practices will begin this weekend, and games are scheduled to start on November 1<sup>st</sup>. We have 143 players registered.

FOOTBALL: Games are underway, and the season is running smoothly. There are 72 total games scheduled for the league, and 21 games are Dexter teams. (which is 29% of the games for the league)

SOFTBALL: no report

TRACK: no report

FALL SOCCER: The season is underway. There are a total of 104 soccer games scheduled.

VOLLEYBALL (YOUTH/WVB/COED): Youth volleyball is going well; improvement from players is already being noticed.

The women's league will have an organizational meeting this evening, and games are scheduled to start on October 2<sup>nd</sup>. There will be 102 games for the season.

**AQUATIC:** no report

**PARK EVENTS:**

BLOOD DRIVE—JUNE 19, 2025

GRILLE IT UP—JULY 12, 2025

BACK TO SCHOOL POOL PARTY—JULY 31, 2025

HALLOWEEN HAPPENING—OCTOBER 31, 2025

LIGHT IT UP—MONTH OF DECEMBER

#### DEPARTMENT REPORT:

- The department grant update:  
2 DNR grants—both awarded for trail work at Eden Park and PIP at West Park playground. The PIP has been completed. Total from Rick Shipman \$10,904 for the curbing. The pip total \$85,738.30. Working on reimbursement for this grant. Reimbursement should be around \$40,000, leaving the park paying \$56,642.30  
AG—This grant is complete. We have received reimbursement \$36,490.07  
MDC- kayak dock at the fish pond—the dock has been installed, and the additional work from Board Safe is complete. Totals for this project \$52,403.12. The CAP agreement with MDC for the approval of kayaks on the lake—the department has completed the sidewalk part of the project (waiting on bills for the total on the sidewalk) and is waiting on MDC for a media date. Working on reimbursement for this grant also. Reimbursement for this grant is around \$27,000.
- Discussion of Project List items included and are not in any order full-time maintenance person, building to store equipment by our shop area, replacement of the 1997 backhoe, the addition of a 1 ton with dump bed, new pickup trucks, light boon trail, dpr gym addition, the addition of shelter (#3) at west park, temporary fencing for ballfields and line/outfield fencing at the complex, turf installation on 2 fields at the complex. Review the pool repair list.
- We currently have 30+ items on our project list, which continues to grow. We also have 13 items on our equipment repair list. Received a couple of messages, one on the pickleball court, and one for starting a men's 3x3 basketball league.
- Met with Matt Hicks with Bryne & Jones, they were in town doing some work at the high school, and wanted to look at our sports complex, and are working on a quote for turfing the B and C fields. Quotes from the companies are attached.
- Storm damage update: Sugar Plum drainage work has been bid, and the drainage work has been completed. The playground has been put out for bid, and the recommendations have been sent to FEMA and are currently in the mitigation stage. Reviewed the recommendation, see attached.
- The concession trailer is almost complete, and the plan is to use it for soccer to provide concessions and be able to use it if needed at other events/sports. It has been working out well at the soccer field.
- Work is continuing at Eden Park. The clearing and removal of the pond levee, shaping the area by Mr. Morgan, is complete. The trail has been laid out. The department will begin addressing the drainage. We have cut a ditch running north and south on the east side. After yesterday's rain (1.33" of rain), the property appears to be draining well. We are getting the area ready for the trail material to be installed. The department has paid \$22,680 for clearing (\$15,000 was budgeted in the 2024-2025 budget for this), and there will be shared costs with the water department for moving the sewer that runs through the middle of the park.
- Repair work has been completed on Arvin Road for the trail. One was where the semi truck damaged the railing at One Mile Road and Arvin Road. The other is a repair, where the vehicle went off the road and struck the bridge. Part of this repair is also to fix the sinking concrete and where the dirt has washed out. Brown Construction completed the work. The totals for the repair \$8,500 (2024-2025 budget) and \$26,000 (2025-2026 budget).
- The gym space is still a continuing issue. We currently have 193 games scheduled, and are having to use the school for youth basketball practice.
- We will be looking at the balance in our checking account to see about locking in a CD.



- Courtney with z95 has sent a proposal for advertising, and we are currently reviewing it. I have spoken with Lauren at City Hall about using some funds to help pay for the proposal. We are looking at promoting the Light it Up event, which would be \$1350.
- The jobs are currently open. We have had a few applications since we advertised with a more open job description. Finding a person with sports experience, a motivated person to work evenings and weekends, and willing to work park projects, who has some basic skills, or has any aquatic experience, is a needle in a haystack for our area.

**DPR Gym Task Force:**

- Design Alliance architects have completed a plan for the gym expansion project.
- The next big step will be developing a plan for securing payment.

**New Business:**

- None

**Membership Participation:**

- Marissa mentioned talking with the Lunch Box about volunteers for the Community Garden, and complimented the cleaning crew for the park restroom, on how clean they always are.
- Discussion from everyone on the basketball registration no motion was made for any changes. Discussion on Sugarplum Playground Project about asking the council for any funds to put towards the portion to be paid by the park.

**Other:** None

**Motion** was made by Chris to adjourn the meeting

**Second** was made by Marissa

**Motion Carried** all in favor

**Adjourn:** 1:20pm

Next meeting scheduled for November 5th @ noon